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1. Christo Gonevsky, First Vice President of the Slav Union of Argentina, is reported to have informed Martin Raduj, the editor of the local Polish Communist paper *Polska Wyzwolona*, that the Slav Union of Argentina is no longer subordinated to the Communist Party of that country, but instead enjoys a great deal of local autonomy. Antonio Kantor, the head of the Idiomatic Commission of the Argentine Communist Party and Party representative to the Slav Union, is allowed to make suggestions to the Slav Union, but cannot give nor enforce orders. Leaders of the Slav Union desire that their organization collaborate with the local Communist Party, but only when expedient, in order to avoid too much of an overt relationship with the Communist Party.
2. Gonevsky also stated that the prime duty of the Slav diplomatic representatives in Argentina is to collaborate with the Slav Union, which in turn is subordinated to the Soviet Embassy. In case the Argentine authorities persecute either the Slav Union or its affiliates, it will be necessary for the Slav diplomatic representatives to threaten repatriation for their nationals, particularly technicians and skilled laborers. The Slav diplomats will insist that the Slav organizations are primarily interested in cultural matters, and that the Slav Union is a means of cultural exchange between Slav ethnic groups.

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Comment: This information points towards a further separation of the Slav Union of Argentina from the Communist Party of that country and suggests that the Soviets consider the various Slav associations more valuable and efficient than the Communist Party. The Argentine authorities are apparently now aware of the inherent danger of the Slav organizations, and even went as far as prohibiting a "cultural" meeting of the Slav Union on 1 August 1947. This action brought a protest, because the Slav Union considered the prevention of their meeting as an insult to the Slav communities and the Slav diplomatic representatives, who usually attend the more important meetings.

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